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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant	: Mathias Bischoff	
Filed	: February 1, 2001	
Art Unit	: 2633	
Examiner	: Hanh Phan	
Title	: Access Node for Optical Networks with Variable- Access Wavelengths, User Device for Connection to Such an Access Mode, Method for Feeding a Number of Signals From a Number of Users Into an Optical Network and Using an Access Node and at Least One User Device for Carrying Out Such a Method	
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LETTER

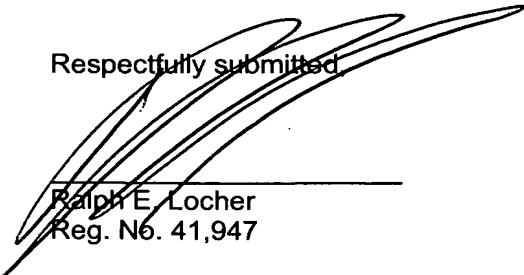
Commissioner for Patents,
P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please note that the German Priority document number 100 04 290.2 dated February 1, 2000 was filed on February 1, 2001 in the U.S Patent Office. Please find enclosed copies of the following:

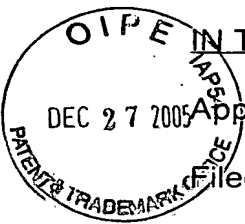
- 1) Claim for Priority
- 2) The cover page of priority document; and
- 3) The return postcard indicating receipt by the PTO.

Respectfully submitted,



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Filed : Concurrently herewith

Title : ACCESS NODE FOR OPTICAL NETWORKS WITH VARIABLE-
ACCESS WAVELENGTHS, USER DEVICE FOR CONNECTION
TO SUCH AN ACCESS NODE, METHOD FOR FEEDING A
NUMBER O SIGNALS FROM A NUMBER OF USERS INTO AN
OPTICAL NETWORK AND USING AN ACCESS NODE AND AT
LEAST ONE USER DEVICE FOR CARRYING OUT SUCH A
METHOD

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Claim is hereby made for a right of priority under Title 35, U.S. Code, Section 119,
based upon the German Patent Application 100 04 290.2, filed February 1, 2000.

A certified copy of the above-mentioned foreign patent application is being submitted
herewith.

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**Prioritätsbescheinigung über die Einreichung
einer Patentanmeldung**

Aktenzeichen: 100 04 290.2

Anmeldetag: 01. Februar 2000

Anmelder/Inhaber: Siemens Aktiengesellschaft,
München/DE

Bezeichnung: Access-Knoten für optische Netze mit variablen
Access-Wellenlängen, Nutzergerät zum Anschluss
an einen solchen Access-Knoten, Verfahren zum
Einspeisen von mehreren Signalen von mehreren
Nutzern in ein optisches Netz und Verwendung ei-
nes Access-Knotens und mindestens eines Nutzer-
geräts zur Durchführung eines solchen Verfahrens

IPC: H 04 J, H 04 B

Die angehefteten Stücke sind eine richtige und genaue Wiedergabe der ur-
sprünglichen Unterlagen dieser Patentanmeldung.

München, den 09. November 2000
Deutsches Patent- und Markenamt
Der Präsident
Im Auftrag

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